

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

VINCENT HARRIS,)
Petitioner,)
vs.)
K. MENDOZA-POWERS, Warden,)
Respondent.)
No. C 06-6582 CRB (PR)
ORDER OF TRANSFER

Petitioner seeks federal habeas review of the execution of a sentence imposed by the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Francisco, which lies in this judicial district. See 28 U.S.C. § 84(a). Petitioner specifically challenges on federal constitutional grounds the California's Board of Parole Hearings' August 2005 determination that he is not suitable for parole. Petitioner is incarcerated at Avenal State Prison in the County of Kings, which lies in the Eastern District of California. See id. § 84(b).

Venue is proper in a habeas action in either the district of conviction or the district of confinement, id. § 2241(d); however, the district of confinement is the preferable forum to review the execution of a sentence. See Habeas L.R. 2254-3(a); Dunne v. Henman, 875 F.2d 244, 249 (9th Cir. 1989); cf. Laue v. Nelson, 279 F. Supp. 265, 266 (N.D. Cal. 1968) (district of conviction preferable forum to review conviction).

1 Because the County of Kings lies in the Eastern District of California, the court
2 orders that pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a) and Habeas Local Rule 2254-3(b), and in the
3 interest of justice, this petition be transferred to the United States District Court for the
4 Eastern District of California.

5 The clerk shall transfer this matter and terminate all pending motions as moot.

6 SO ORDERED.

7 DATED: October 25, 2006


CHARLES R. BREYER
United States District Judge